Council Agenda: October 29, 2013

Item No: 2.3(b)



# MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:32 p.m. in Conference Room 120, Council Wing, City Hall.

**PRESENT**: Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Chair; Council Member Donald Rocha,

Vice Chair; Council Member Kansen Chu (2:09 p.m.) and Council

Member Johnny Khamis.

**ABSENT**: All Present.

**STAFF:** Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas, Senior Deputy City Attorney

Karin Murabito, Executive Analyst Ernest Azevedo, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Jose Salcido, and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

#### REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

### (1) Neighborhood Engagement Bi-Monthly Status Report. (City Manager's Office)

Action: Item (1) was dropped.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*Note: The Committee heard the Agenda Items out of order.* 

## (4) Annual Update to the Library Volunteer Engagement Program. (Library)

<u>Documents Filed</u>: Memorandum from Library Director Jill Bourne, dated September 23, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report.

<u>Action</u>: Item (4) was deferred to the November 14, 2013 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting.

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### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

# (5) Schools/City Collaborative Tri-Monthly Update. (City Manager's Office)

<u>Documents Filed</u>: Memorandum from Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas, dated September 23, 2013, noting that Staff will be providing a verbal update.

Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas presented introductory comments.

Acting Deputy Chief Jeffrey Marozick and Sergeant Jason Pierce, San José Police Department provided the report.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

# (3) Status Report on the 211 Santa Clara County Information and Referral Services. (City Manager's Office)

<u>Documents Filed</u>: (1) Memorandum from Deputy City Manager Norberto Dueñas, dated September 23, 2013, noting Maya Esparaza, Director of 211 Santa Clara County, United Way Silicon Valley, will provide a verbal update. (2) Presentation dated October 10, 2013 summarizing the 211 Santa Clara County Information and Referral Services, United Way Silicon Valley.

Maya Esparaza, Director of 211 Santa Clara County, United Way Silicon Valley, offered the report and responded to Committee questions.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

# (2) Report on the Bond Funded Softball Facility Site Selection. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

<u>Documents Filed</u>: (1) Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Julie Edmonds-Mares, dated September 30, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report and to provide feedback to Staff. (2) Staff presentation dated October 10, 2013 summarizing the Bond Funded Softball Facility Site Selection. (3) Fifteen letters all dated October 10, 2013 from community members expressing support for the bond funded softball facility at the Arcadia Site in District 8.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Julie Edmonds-Mares provided introductory remarks and described the background of the Measure P Bond Funding. Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Matt Cano and Planner Scott Davidson presented the report.

Vice Mayor Nguyen opened up the floor for public testimony.

#### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

# (2) (Cont'd.)

Council Member Herrera thanked the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee and the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Staff for their work on this project. Council Member Herrera pointed out that the most important considerations to choosing the best location include, the completion of the project in a reasonable amount of time with minimal cost to the City, and most importantly, that the project will be sustainable.

<u>Public Comments</u>: Robert W. Gross, Ph.D., Michael Gross, Richard P. Santos, Charlie H. Sherrir, San José Senior Adult Baseball League and Selma B. Herrera expressed support to Alviso as the best site for the softball facility.

Rose Amador-Le Beau, La Raza Roundtable, read a letter from Victor Garza who expressed support to the Alviso site and urged the Committee to spread baseball fields throughout the City of San José.

Pat Pizzo and David Schooler expressed support to the bond funded softball facility but urged the Committee to consider locating facilities at several sites.

Carlos Da Silva stated that there was not enough outreach about the softball facility candidate sites to the entire community of San José.

Jeremy Barousse, District 8 Community Round Table; Robert Sandoval, West Evergreen Neighborhood; Pastor Ed Snyder, East Valley Pentecostal Church; Michael Van Every, Angela Tirado, Eastridge Little League; Tony Strife, Evergreen Little League; Christian Lopez and Maria Lopez, Meadowfair Neighborhood; Angela Nguyen, Youth Commission and Steve Soto expressed support to the Arcadia location as the best site for the softball facility.

Thomas Semere, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, expressed concern for the future of the burrowing owls that live at the Arcadia property and added that the preferred site of the Audubon Society is the Singleton area. Sterling Presley, Singleton Neighborhood Association, expressed support to the Singleton site for the location of the softball facility.

Jackie Padgett, Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association and Linhchi Nguyen expressed opposition to the Shady Oaks site as a location for the softball facility.

Extensive Committee discussion ensued.

Council Member Chu encouraged Staff to open discussions with San José State University and the East Side Union School District.

### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

# (2) (Cont'd.)

Council Member Herrera requested that Staff send out outreach information in Spanish also.

<u>Action</u>: The Committee accepted the report and forwarded the item to the full Council for consideration and formal action on November 5, 2013 in the evening.

### (1) Homelessness Response Team Rapid Rehousing Status Report. (Housing)

<u>Documents Filed</u>: Memorandum from Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia, dated September 23, 2013, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia presented introductory remarks. Homelessness Response Team Manager Ray Bramson presented the report.

<u>Public Comments</u>: Rose Amador-Le Beau, Center for Training and Careers, requested to be included the planning and to be able to provide services for the homeless. Sterling Presley, Lincoln Glen Church, stated that members of the Church reach out and feed the homeless and requested that the Committee consider employing the homeless to pick up trash and offer help to the mentally ill homeless.

Homelessness Response Team Manager Ray Bramson stated that the Homeless Help Line is (408) 510-7600.

Committee discussion ensued.

Council Member Khamis requested that Staff encourage and direct the uncoordinated charitable activities to work with the Homelessness Response Team Department and the City of San José's non-profit partners and volunteers.

Action: The Committee accepted the report.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

There was no public testimony from the floor.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

	Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Chair
	Neighborhood Services and Education Committee
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Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

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